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Applicant: **Van Buskirk et al.**Serial No.: **09/093,291**Date Filed: **June 8, 1998**Title: **ISOTROPIC DRY CLEANING  
PROCESS FOR NOBLE METAL  
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Sir:

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In the specification:

At page 2, insert the following as an independent paragraph immediately preceding "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":

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